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Youth work stalwart Alan enjoys a royal date at the palace

Alan Lewis proudly displays his MBE outside Buckingham Palace flanked by two officers from the Royal Gurkha Regiment

A DEDICATED Skelmersdale youth worker enjoyed a right royal day when he went to Buckingham Palace to receive the MBE.

Alan Lewis, leader of the Skelmersdale Action for Youth (SAY) organisation, was awarded the honour in the Queen's New Year's Honours List and he travelled down to London this month to receive his prestigious medal from Prince Charles.

Alan, who was joined by his family for his special occasion, was also delighted to meet up and chat with other honours recipients and had his photo taken with two officers from the Royal Gurkha Regiment.

• Full story inside

LEGAL CHALLENGE POSSIBLE OVER TIP PLAN RULING

By **Henry James**

Campaigners label government approval of Whitemoss extension "an outrage and a betrayal"

THE Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) Lancashire Branch is looking at mounting a legal challenge to the decision made by the government to approve the controversial Whitemoss hazardous waste tip extension plans.

The verdict of the new communities secretary, Greg Clark, was met with dismay by campaigners and the town's MP Rosie Cooper.

The plans would see 150,000 tonnes of hazardous waste disposed of annually in the town until 2035.

The Lancashire branch of the CPRE had worked with concerned residents to highlight the possible threat to the Green Belt.

CPRE and other local stakeholders, including Lancashire County Council and West Lancashire Council, had stated that they did not believe that such a large–scale operation, was justified and argued that insufficient evidence of need had been demonstrated.

However, the secretary of state order says that the application alone is evidence enough that a need for such a large landfill operation is required, regardless of past history.

The CPRE Lancashire group commented: "In granting the order the secretary of state has given considerable weight to the importance of supporting economic activity."

Jackie Copley, planning manager at CPRE Lancashire, said: "Naturally we are disappointed by the decision. Time and time again we are seeing short–term economic needs prioritised over local community wishes and countryside protection."

Claire Robinson, press officer of the Arrow–No Whitemoss Landfill campaign, was horrified by the decision. She said: "We are very disappointed with this decision, which is an outrage and a betrayal of local people. Skelmersdale and the surrounding villages have taken far more than their fair share of waste and it would have taken hundreds of years to fill the nearby landfill sites with local waste.

"The decision to allow the Whitemoss extension to go ahead is a continuation of the 'environmental racism' that our town has been subjected to for decades.

"Whitemoss takes mostly contaminated soil. Hazardous waste landfilling is an outdated, polluting 'dinosaur' technology that leaves a toxic legacy for generations to come. It simply isn't necessary.

"There are far more sustainable alternatives for dealing with contaminated soil. A government that thinks Whitemoss is needed is ill–informed and living in the previous century.

"Campaigners will be examining possible options to continue fighting this development"

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper is incredulous over the decision. She said: "I am absolutely horrified by this appalling decision and I will be telling the communities secretary to his face

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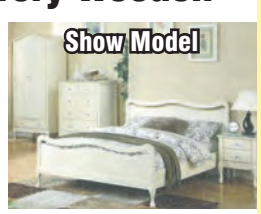

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Chance for residents to share experiences of community health services in borough

Report by **Henry James**

HEALTH leaders from the NHS in West Lancashire are holding a series of informal events and inviting residents to share their experiences of community health services.

The events, which work on a drop–in basis, will be attended by senior representatives from NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust and Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, and will focus on community health services.

They want to hear about anything outside of hospital, for example, GPs, district nurses and community matrons, mental health services, podiatry, dieticians, physiotherapists, occupational therapists etc.

Greg Mitten, board member of NHS West Lancashire CCG who oversees patient and public involvement, said: "We hold these events to give everyone a chance to raise their views on community health services.

"We don't just want to hear about what's gone well, but would also welcome any feedback on what's not and where we can improve.

"The events are open to all ages, but we are especially interested in hearing from individuals who are 65 years old and over, with one or more long–term conditions. Each event runs for two hours but you can drop in any time for as long as you like. We look forward to welcoming your views."

Dates and venues are as follows: Wednesday, June 24, Up Holland Library, 2 to 4pm; Friday, June 26, Tarleton Library, 10am to noon; Monday, June 29, Skelmersdale Library, 2 to 4pm; Thursday, July 2, Parbold Library, 2 to 4pm; Wednesday, July 8, Brookside, Ormskirk 6 to 8pm.

Anyone who would like to discuss anything in advance can contact NHS West Lancashire CCG by email at myview@westlancashireccg.nhs.uk or in writing at NHS West Lancashire CCG, Hilldale, Wigan Road, Ormskirk, L39 2JW.

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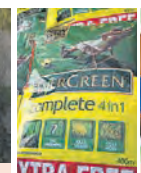

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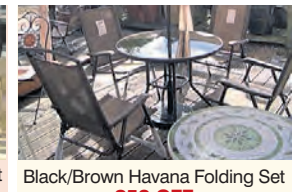

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Borough's new mayor and deputy elected

THE new Mayor of West Lancashire wants to celebrate all that is great about the borough during her year in office.

Councillor Nikki Hennessy, who was elected at West Lancashire Borough Council's annual meeting last Wednesday (May 20), is really looking forward to her new role.

She said: "My theme will be celebrating all things West Lancashire, our people, towns, countryside, community groups, businesses and schools. West Lancashire has lovely people, very open and friendly, and I am really grateful to have this role of Mayor of West Lancashire."

Cllr. Hennessy, whose husband Paul will be her consort, worked in a number of posts before becoming a full–time councillor.

These included being GP referral officer for the council where she developed and delivered the 'Life Matters' scheme and also started the Nifty Fifties clubs at Burscough Sports Centre and Banks Leisure Centre and the borough's health walks.

The new mayor and deputy major with their consorts

Meanwhile when she worked for West Lancashire Council for Voluntary Service she supported individuals and community groups to access health services and also started the West Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Network.

Cllr. Hennessy has also worked for Central Lancashire Primary Care Trust in public health, leading on supporting the delivery of the NHS health checks, and for the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service as a community liaison officer.

She was elected to West Lancs Council in 2008 to represent Tanhouse and has served on planning and corporate and environmental overview and scrutiny committees.

She also sits on the West Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Partnership and on the Ageing Well forum.

At the 2015 elections she 'retired' from being a Tanhouse councillor and was elected for Knowsley ward.

The mother–of–three is also a Lancashire County Councillor and is the authority's lead member for schools, and is a governor at Hillside Community Primary School in Tanhouse.

The new deputy mayor is Councillor Liz Savage whose consort will be Councillor Noel Delaney.

Cllr. Savage has represented Ashurst on West Lancs Council for four years, during which time she has served as shadow portfolio holder for transformation and resources and been a member of the executive overview and scrutiny committee.

She said: "As someone who grew up in West Lancashire it is a real privilege to be able to serve the area in this role."

Charity could fight ruling on tip extension

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that he should be ashamed.

"He has condemned the people of Skelmersdale to 20 more years of hazardous waste dumping and the consequences of living in the vicinity of this site.

"This truly is a sad day for all who have steadfastly fought against the ongoing dumping of hazardous waste, which residents were promised would end 20 years ago and now face the dumping of hazardous waste for a further 20 years.

"Greg Clark has utterly disregarded the wellbeing of an entire community for the greed of a few. Business wins yet again."

Commenting on the decision, Rob Routledge, managing director of Whitemoss Landfill Limited, responded: "We are naturally very pleased with the decision taken by the secretary of state. The examination process was extremely thorough and we have worked hard throughout to produce a fact–based case on which the decision has been made.

"The decision of the secretary of state demonstrates the need for Whitemoss Landfill to provide a nationally important facility for the management of hazardous wastes. We are committed to continuing with our high standard of operation and will seek to work through the liaison committee to address any concerns of our neighbours and the wider community."

Wanted man plea

DETECTIVES have issued a renewed appeal for information in their bid to track down a Skelmersdale man.

Twenty–four–year–old Jamie Bamber, who also goes by the name of Hitchcock, is wanted in relation to an incident in which a man was seriously injured at his home address in Skelmersdale on Sunday, March 15.

He is described as white, approximately 5ft 9in tall with a medium build and short fair hair.

DC Graham Hunt from Skelmersdale CID said: "We are keen to find Bamber and think that he is somewhere in the Merseyside area.

"I would urge anyone who knows of his whereabouts

Jamie Bamber

to get in touch with us before they also potentially find themselves in trouble."

Anyone with any information about Bamber's location can contact Lancashire Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Minibus boost for Skem Men–aces

By **Henry James**

MEMBERS of the Skem Men–aces disability football team are set to hit the road in their own new 17–seater minibus later this year – thanks to the outgoing Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Doreen Stephenson and Andrew Langley of local car dealers 06 Vauxhall.

The Men–aces were handed a bumper £12,000 donation by Cllr. Stephenson after being nominated as one of her mayoral charities during her year or office which raised £16,000 in total.

And they were also offered a "substantial discount" on the vehicle of their choice following talks with Mr Langley.

Mim Eaton from the Skelmersdale Men–aces said: "It has always been our dream that one day we would possess our very own minibus. After talks with Andrew Langley of 06 Vauxhall they gave us an amazing and incredibly generous offer of a substantial discount on a brand new 17–seater bus.

"This is the best news to date for the Men–aces and we are all so happy. The vehicle will make it so much easier for our club.

"It's fair to say that the Skem Men–Aces have had many remarkable achievements and surprises during our short existence but this has just exceeded everything else.

"We have signed all paperwork and are ecstatic and elated to announce that we are expecting delivery of our vehicle in September.

"With the fantastic cheque for £12,000 and what we already have saved there is a small shortfall so will be fundraising from now until September.

"From a personal point of view I can't express how emotional I feel right now as it really hasn't sunk in yet.

"But I must thank the mayor and all those involved with the charity, Andrew Langley of 06 Vauxhall Ormskirk, the people of West Lancs and the truly amazing Skem community for their phenomenal generosity.

"This club has made huge strides in the name of disability football and that is something that we are all very proud of."

£5,000 worth of property stolen in house raid

POLICE are appealing for information after property worth more than £5,000, plus items of sentimental value, were stolen from a house in Ashurst Gardens, Skelmersdale.

The burglary took place between 8.30am and 8.30pm on Tuesday, May 12.

The intruders are believed to have gained access via a rear door and made off with property including a Toshiba laptop, an iPad, a black Samsung camera, Ray Ban sunglasses and a blue Nine West ladies purse.

Also among the items taken was jewellery given to the victims by their late parents, while a number of irreplaceable family photographs were on the stolen laptop.

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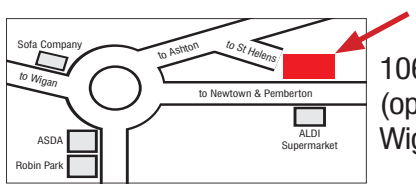

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Animal sanctuary in urgent plea for funds

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

THE trustees of a charity set up to care for unwanted and neglected farm animals, small domestic animals and species of native wildlife have launched an urgent appeal for funds.

The Woodlands Animal Sanctuary in Holmeswood is a charitable trust which receives no government funding and relies entirely on donations from members of the public, alongside fundraising events and activities.

Since it was established in February 2005, the shelter in Sandy Lane has helped more than 10,000 animals but now staff have warned they are running out of funds to continue their work, due to a recent unexpected influx of injured animals.

Vickie Maude, trustee at the sanctuary, told the Champion: "Although we specialise in hedgehog rehabilitation, recently we have been called upon to come to the assistance of other wildlife desperately needing help.

"In the last week or so we were contacted about a fox cub in Southport, a badger cub in Rufford and a number of deer, all by different people in different locations!

"They will all receive specialist care and hopefully be released back into the wild after a number of weeks' rehabilitation.

"We always try to help and on this occasion we were the only animal rescue in the area able to respond to these emergencies.

"We are now running on emergency funds and without some extra help we will not be able to continue at the usual level, as resources are being cut back to try to ensure the safety of the sanctuary in the long term."

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Royal date for youth work stalwart Alan

Report by **Henry James**

Alan Lewis pictured at Buckingham Palace with two Gurkha officers

ALAN Lewis, who was awarded an MBE in the Queen's New Year's Honours list for his voluntary work in the community, travelled down to London this month for his official investiture at Buckingham Palace.

The Skelmersdale Action for Youth (SAY) leader was presented with his award by the Prince of Wales.

And Alan was delighted when Prince Charles asked him about his most recent involvement volunteering with Lancashire Police's cadets unit in Skelmersdale and told him to keep up the good work with young people.

Alan said: "It was a great honour to receive the award and I was really happy to share the day with my family who were able to watch the ceremony at the palace.

"It was also a privilege to meet other volunteers and members of the armed forces who were also receiving their awards."

after the ceremony Alan managed to have his photo taken with two officers from the Royal Gurkha regiment in the quadrangle. The Gurkhas are a sister regiment to the Royal Green Jackets with whom Alan served.

He also met other officers who were being honoured and made a connection with Mark Griffin from New York, who received an MBE for service to charity and youth development, with the pair discussing the possibility of young people from Lancashire being given the opportunity to visit the USA on an exchange programme.

Skelmersdale Action for Youth is run by Alan and his team of leaders, some of whom have been with him since 1988 when the group was known as Skelmersdale Action Social Youth Group and based in Ashurst Community centre.

It became SAY in 1998 and originally had just eight youngsters as members.

Now SAY runs sessions in turfboarding/sledging, drama, street dance, big ball, crossbows, multi games, canoeing courses, football and more recently Crazy Cart project. It also runs conferences and community projects.

Alan said: "I would like to say a big thank–you to all the agencies that have participated and supported me with the running of conferences around anti–bullying, anti–social behaviour and domestic violence in young people's relationships.

"More recently we held a child sexual exploitation conference for vulnerable young people across West Lancashire.

"Without the support of the agencies, young people and members of the community we would have been unable to arrange and run the events which have been attended by approximately 65,000 youngsters over the years."

Jodie's Cake Break event is a recipe for fundraising success

By **Henry James**

Fundraisers at the cake break in Old Skelmersdale

A CAKE Break organised by a fundraiser from Old Skelmersdale has helped to raise 'lots of dough' for the MS Society.

The MS Society challenged people to get baking during May to help them raise money to support people living with multiple sclerosis in the UK.

The condition, which attacks the central nervous system, causes symptoms such as problems with mobility and balance, vision, dizziness and fatigue, to come and go or get steadily worse.

Jodie Green rose to the challenge by hosting a Cake Break for the fourth time at her home.

She invited friends, family and work colleagues and a large selection of home–baked cakes were on offer as well as musical entertainment from guitarist Noel Wilde.

Jodie said: "This is my fourth Cake Break and each year it gets bigger and better. It's a lot of work baking all those cakes but it's great fun and my husband, Dave, is a tremendous help.

"More than 30 people attended and together we raised £335. It was a lovely afternoon and I'd like to thank everyone who donated for their generosity.

"I was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis 11 years ago and have had great support from the MS Society so it's great to be able to give something back."

Jemima Woolgar, Cake Break officer at the MS Society, said: "We'd like to thank everyone who got involved with Cake Break this year. It's always great fun and an opportunity for people to get together and spend quality time with their friends and family while also raising money for a good cause.

"All the money we raise will go towards funding potentially life–changing MS research as well as providing support and information for people with MS and their families and carers."

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Teaming up to 'flush' out funds for world's poorest communities

By Danielle Thompson

Fundraisers hope to raise enough money to help families like this one in Uganda

A GROUP of fundraisers are hoping to be flushed with success when they stage a charity event in aid of some of the world's poorest communities.

Members of the Ormskirk branch of the University of the Third Age (U3A) are teaming up with Burscough Methodist Church parishioners to hold the Burscough Arts and Crafts Show fundraiser at the church in Orrell Lane on Friday, June 5 to raise money for the Toilet Twinning initiative.

First set up five years ago, Toilet Twinning is a quirky way to solve a serious problem and save lives by providing people in the world's poorest communities with a decent toilet, clean water and all the information they need to stay healthy and break free of the poverty trap.

For just £60, you can 'twin' your loo with a latrine in a country of your choosing – or for £240, you can twin with a school block.

Donations are used by Tearfund, a UK Christian relief and development agency which works in over 50 countries, to provide clean water, basic sanitation, and hygiene education.

The Burscough Arts and Crafts Show is a free family–friendly fun day running from 10am to 4pm featuring a raffle, card–making workshop and arts show, with refreshments also on sale.

In return, the charity will send the group a special Toilet Twinned Town framed certificate in recognition of their achievement, which will go on display at the church.

Ruth Melling, a member of the Ormskirk U3A, told the Champion: "We are hoping that we can raise lots of money to fund as many toilets as possible in Africa."

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Roby Mill Gardens set to open to public for charity

A GROUP of three gardens in Up Holland will be open to the public this weekend as part of the National Garden Scheme to raise money for charity.

Known collectively as The Roby Mill Gardens, the three neighbouring but diverse locations, Appledene in Bank Brow and Douglas Bank Farm and Halliwell Farm in Lees Lane, will be open from noon to 5pm on Saturday and Sunday, May 30 and 31.

Admission fee is £5 which covers all three gardens (children go free) and there will be plant sales at Halliwell Farm and homemade teas available at Appledene.

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Former UKIP election candidate joins BNP

By Danielle Thompson

FORMER UKIP candidate for West Lancashire in the General Election, Jack Sen, has sensationally quit the party to join the British National Party.

Mr Sen was suspended by UKIP ahead of the May 7 election after an allegedly anti–Semitic tweet was sent to a Liverpool Labour candidate from one of his four social media accounts.

Despite the suspension, Mr Sen still stood in the poll and won more than 6,000 votes to finish in the third place behind Labour's Rosie Cooper and Conservative Paul Greenall.

He has since quit the party and taken up a role as North West Press officer for the BNP.

He told the Champion: "Quite a few members of the British National Party reached out to me since the suspension, commending me for speaking out.

"I spoke with BNP party chairman Adam Walker. I was impressed with the manner in which he wants to take the BNP forward and was pleased to see that our ideals and vision of a better Britain lined up. Authentic nationalism is not dead.

"The BNP will fight for the preservation of English values and our children's futures.

"I will be reaching out to the community in the upcoming weeks and am sincerely looking forward to working with the party."

Jack Sen (right) with BNP chairman Adam Walker and treasurer Clive Jefferson

Tissue maker named in world's most ethical list for eighth time

Report by Henry James

SKELMERSDALE tissue maker SCA has been named as one of the world's most ethical companies for the eighth year in a row.

The World's Most Ethical Companies rankings recognise those companies who demonstrate superior achievements in transparency, integrity, ethics and compliance.

The recognition comes from the prestigious Ethisphere Institute, whose chief executive office, Timothy Erblich, said: "SCA joins an exclusive community committed to driving performance through leading business practices. We congratulate everyone at SCA for this extraordinary achievement."

As part of its commitment to running an ethical business, bosses at SCA say they place a strong focus on achieving the global sustainability goals that are set out in its newly–published 2014 Sustainability Report.

SCA chiefs have said "the responsible and sustainable management of resources" is a key part of their business strategy and have added there are "clear and measurable sustainability targets" set out in the report.

The company aims to combat climate change and minimise its impact on the environment through a combination of new innovations, technology and efficiency gains.

Skelmersdale site manager, Mark Mannering, commented: "SCA places strong emphasis on corporate responsibility and we are honoured to be named one of the world's most ethical companies for the eighth consecutive year.

"This recognition reflects the trust we strive to earn each day from our customers, consumers and business partners, and how our employees manage our operations in a responsible way."

SCA is the largest consumer tissue company in the UK and Ireland and its mill at Pimbo Road in Skelmersdale is one of six paper mills across the UK.

Last year alone, 66% of UK households bought SCA–branded products, such as TENA, Plenty, Cushelle, Velvet and Bodyform.

Pamela Warhurst (seated) pictured with pupils and staff during her visit to Skelmersdale's Maharishi Free School. Code1079792

Urban gardening project founder visits school

THE woman behind the Incredible Edible project in West Yorkshire, where food is grown locally on unused land, has visited the Maharishi Free School in Skelmersdale.

Pam Warhurst CBE, who founded the community initiative in Todmorden, which has had spin–offs in Japan and America, was shown round the school in Woodley Park Road before speaking at a public meeting.

School governor, Claire Winteringham, who organised the event, said: "Pam gave a talk on the Incredible Edible project at the school and really enjoyed her visit. She had heard about the philosophy of the school and wanted to learn more about it.

"Her talk was open to the public and she was an incredibly funny and inspiring speaker."

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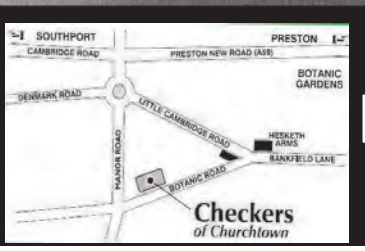

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‘Must improve’ message to hospital trust bosses

Report by **Ollice Cowan**

BOSSES at the Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust have been given a ‘must improve’ message following a report by the Care and Qualities Commission which carried out an inspection of the trust last year.

Among concerns was a ‘significant need for better and fit for purpose’ equipment used in the hospitals’ operating theatres, while the North West Regional Spinal Injuries Centre at the Southport site and maternity services at Ormskirk Hospital were found to be ‘inadequate.’

Following the report, England’s chief inspector of hospitals, Professor Sir Mike Richards, told the trust it must improve in order to provide safe, well–led, effective and responsive care.

He said: “It is clear that Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trust has a number of issues it has to address. Across the trust we saw many examples that showed that staff were caring, compassionate and treated patients with dignity, even when they were working under significant pressure.

“We found some members of staff remain with a feeling of not being valued. The staff we met spoke of a hierarchy of importance within the trust, with greater attention and priority given to the Southport and Formby site, followed by Ormskirk and the community services.

“It is a matter of concern that we found maternity services at Ormskirk and the North West Regional Spinal Injuries Centre at Southport to be inadequate.

“Staffing levels on the spinal injuries centre were significantly lower than national guidelines. The lack of suitably qualified, skilled and experienced staff to meet the needs of the patients must be resolved.

“The inspectors found that skill levels in maternity were below those needed to provide a consistently safe service. Some staff were being used for duties above their level of competency. Too few doctors had been trained to manage emergency situations in the maternity service.

“The inspectors found that staffing and skill mix levels in A&E services were below those needed to provide a consistently safe service.

“I expect the trust to prioritise these areas for improvement.”

Inspectors were told that the age of hospital equipment was an issue in operating theatres.

However it wasn’t all bad news for the trust – the report highlighted several areas of good practice including an outstanding example of staff taking full account of both spiritual and physical care appropriate to the religious and cultural beliefs of people nearing the end of life and their families.

The development of the Community Emergency Response Team was also hailed by inspectors and the trust’s compassionate approach to children and people with learning disabilities was also found to be of a very high standard.

The trust’s cheif executive, Jonathan Parry, said:: “Seventy per cent of NHS trusts inspected are rated ‘requires improvement’. We welcome the CQC report and we will be working hard over the months ahead to address the issues the inspectors have brought to our attention.”

Responding to the CQC rating for maternity services at Ormskirk, Simon Featherstone, director of nursing and quality, said: “We have a fully–staffed maternity team and are addressing the skills mix including recruiting new team members to work in maternity and gynaecology theatres.

“The trust has also asked the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists to independently review the service so the trust, staff and patients can be satisfied it meets the very highest standards.”

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Generation game

RESIDENTS from a care home enjoyed a day out spending time with young children when they visited Moorgate Nursery in Ormskirk.

Six residents from the Hillcroft care and dementia home in Long Lane, Aughton visited the nursery as part of the Connecting Generations initiative launched by staff at the home in February. This focuses on encouraging older residents in West Lancashire to spend more quality time with younger people in the wider community.

Last year, staff at the home spearheaded a campaign to make older people in the local community feel more involved by inviting them to join residents at free activities and events held at the home and on days out.

Home manager, Margaret Sutcliffe, was presented with a Community Involvement Award earlier this year by West Lancashire Older People's Champion, Councillor May Blake, at the Skelmersdale Library Memory Festival in recognition of the work that she and staff at the home have done on behalf of older people in the community.

Margaret said: "The Connecting Generations initiative was launched to involve residents at the home and older members of the public enjoying more activities and quality time with children and younger adults and, importantly, full family involvement across all ages."

Hillcroft residents played with the children at Moorgate Nursery

And Hillcroft's events organiser, Lesley Malone, added: "Six of our residents went along to give parenting advice to the young mums at Moorgate Nursery and seeing the future generation brought back memories of when their own children were young.

"The mums and staff were wonderful and we would like to say thank–you for making it an afternoon to remember for our residents. We are going to stay connected to the nursery and have regular visits."

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No excuse for snubbing St Patrick when it comes to flying the flag

FLYING flags for St George's Day? Good on you!

At our little church, we mark each of the four patron saints (Patrick, David, George and Andrew) with their flag, as a mark of saying, 'You're a part of us and we're a part of you. We wish you well on your special day.'

As St George's Day was the day of our Youth Fellowship, we celebrated outside round the fire, with flags, bunting and balloons (white iced cakes with red crosses), origami dragons, etc.

Last March, St David's Day fell on a Sunday. We filled the church with leeks and daffodils, made a poster in Welsh of John chapter 3 verse 16, and a banner of the first two lines of the Welsh hymn, 'Guide Me O My great Redeemer'. We heard about the witness and ministry of Dewi/David, who was a bishop.

Nobody went home not knowing it was St David's Day.

Sometimes there's confusion about our patron saints.

Last year, the Champion published a picture of five flags fluttering on a building in Southport – The Union Flag, St David's, St George's and St Andrew's.

But there was no recognition of Northern Ireland/St Patrick. Instead, the tricolour of the Irish Republic.

Where was St Patrick's flag? It is part of the Union Jack (the red diagonal cross).

It's easy to buy any flag these days, for example form a certain market stall in Ormskirk. So there is no excuse for snubbing the man who played a leading role in bringing Christianity to these islands.

Reverend David Benge,
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Rail journey to Manchester is a nightmare for commuters

WE have just returned from visiting our daughter in Buckinghamshire traveling by rail.

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All were clean, comfortable and efficient services and despite three changes the journey was achieved in a creditable four–and–a–half hours.

In a fortnight we will make a regular visit to Manchester Royal Eye Hospital using Northern Rail and we are not looking forward to the trip.

The train leaves Southport at 8.30am to commute to Manchester with only two units. At Wigan it fills up and at Bolton it becomes a cattle truck.

Yet on the return journey in the afternoon the train has four almost empty units!

It does not make sense.

And we are told that the next generation of rolling stock is London cast–offs. London already has 11 underground routes, plus overground and DLR yet they have just spent billions on Crossrail and are proposing a second line while lobbying for the HS2 commuter line to Birmingham.

We already have a Northern Powerhouse, what we need is a Northern Assembly to enable us to manage our own affairs to suit our own needs.

Tony Holland,
by email

PICTURE of the week

www.champnews.com/pixonline

The green–fingered skills of volunteers from Maghull in Bloom have brought a splash of summer colour outside The Meadows Leisure Centre. Picture by Martyn Snape. Code: 01080878.

I'd gladly swap blue badge for independence

I WRITE in response to Sam Bailey's letter on blue badge holders (Letters, May 13).

I would like to make the following salient points.

Anyone with mobility problems can apply for a blue badge, it doesn't follow that a blue badge holder automatically has a vehicle from Motability.

Blue badge holders are allowed a parking space but are not exempt from hospital parking charges unless they are receiving social care benefits from other agencies, which can then be claimed back later.

Further, people on the Motability scheme can choose any car they wish, provided that they have the money to make the required deposit towards the cost of the car.

Disability payments then go direct to the scheme instead of the recipient. It is not free.

Personally, I would give up my blue badge, and modest disability car, tomorrow, if I could have my independence back.

Blue badge holder,
Old Skelmersdale (details supplied)

If it's good enough for Todmorden...

IF the Todmorden Curve can be reinstated after 43 years, cutting the time between Burnley and Manchester, then why not the Burscough Curves?

B. J. Powell,
by email

Thanks to my good Samaritan

PLEASE can you publish a letter of thanks for the lady who looked after me when I fell at the mini–roundabout at St Anne's School on Friday, May 8.

She drove me to my destination from where I attended Ormskirk Hospital and was given excellent care for a fractured wrist.

Many thanks.

Jan Lovelady,
Aughton

Visiting a garden is good for health and happiness

MORE than 400 gardens will open their gates across England and Wales for the National Gardens Festival Weekend on June 6 and 7 raising funds for charity.

The NGS very much believes in the health benefits of garden visiting – physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Being outdoors in a peaceful, inspiring setting can make us feel happier and healthier, and a festival garden can offer a beautiful retreat from busy, everyday life.

We urge everyone to visit a garden during the festival and throughout the year – find one near you at www.ngs.org.uk.

Steve Ford,
NGS

Health check–ups can spot conditions early

I THOUGHT last week's One Man and and His Dog column ('Yearly health check–up can make you ill') was irresponsible.

There have been many people who have been cured when conditions have been spotted early, which an annual health check would do.

As for the doctor who said he could do nothing about a heart murmur, I had one 10 years ago, had surgery and was cured of a leaking heart valve.

What sort of doctor was your writer seeing, I wonder?

Graham Govan,
by email

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Care group's new HR head

THE Springhill Care Group, which has a care home in Birch Green, Skelmersdale has appointed Virginia Perkins (above) as head of human resources.

She will be responsible for the day–to–day management of employees and overseeing training and development.

U3A group activity day to mark milestone

Report by **Henry James**

MEMBERS of the Up Holland & District U3A (University of the Third Age) will celebrate its 10th birthday on Saturday, May 30 with a fun–packed day of activities at their headquarters, St Teresa's Hall and Church Grounds in College Road.

The branch of the organisation, which provides life–enhancing and life–changing opportunities for retired and semi–retired people, was launched in January 2005 with 30 members and five interest groups.

Today it has grown to 830 members and more than 50 interest groups.

All activities are voluntary with members sharing their knowledge and experience with others, running informal activity sessions covering a wide range of subjects.

Following an opening ceremony with the mayors of West Lancashire and Wigan and the West Lancashire Town Crier, accompanied by U3A officials and invited guests, Pemberton Brass Band will present a musical performance outside the hall.

Then inside the hall from 11am to 3.30 pm there will be a full programme of events with singing, dancing and theatre performances, displays and presentations by members of the many interest groups.

The Fire & Rescue Service, Beacon Park Rangers, AgeUK and several more local organisations will also attend.

A helium balloon 'race' is planned on the rear lawn and there will be tombola, book, plant and cake sales and more group display stands.

There will also be crown green bowling demonstrations and garden games to enjoy.

Alma Harrison, publicity officer for Up Holland & District U3A, said: "A lively, out–of–the–ordinary and fun day is anticipated and all ages of the community are invited to come along and share the experience. Entrance is free, hot and cold refreshments will be on sale and the bar will be open. Come and see for yourself how to enjoy a full life in later years."

Youngsters at Delph Side cast their votes

Primary pupils stage their own election

YOUNGSTERS at a local primary school held their own poll on the same day as the General Election.

Year 5 pupils at Delph Side Community Primary School in Skelmersdale researched the different parties and their policies, then explained it to the rest of the school at an assembly and sent leaflets home for parents.

On the day of the election all pupils and staff were issued with polling cards to cast their votes at the school's own ballot station, while parents were invited to send in postal votes.

After counting the votes a Labour victory was announced – unlike the real thing!

Deputy headteacher at the school in Eskdale, Tanhouse, Liz Ormerod, said: "The day was a huge success and we all left for home wondering if it would be the same result in the country the following morning – how wrong we could be!

"Still, Rosie Cooper was re–elected in West Lancs so it did correlate in one way!"

School's wildlife workshop

PUPILS at St Thomas the Martyr Primary School in Up Holland have been getting up close and personal with local wildlife.

The school in Highgate Road held a 'wild workshop', run by Steve Lewis–Neil, when children were introduced to animals found locally – including rats, frogs and snails – and discovered more about their lives and habitats.

The hands–on session linked elements of the science curriculum and headteacher, Julie Butcher, said: "The children love handling the animals. The workshops are a great way to get them more engaged in their science work in school."

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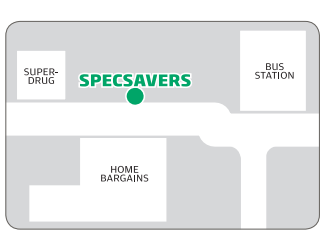

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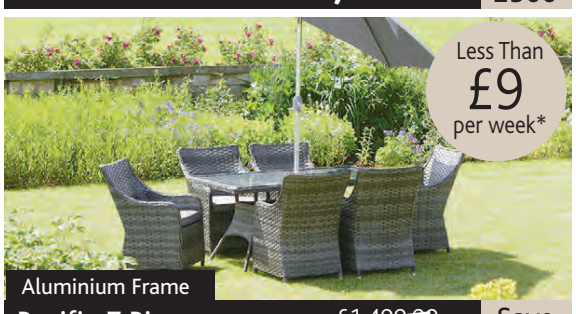

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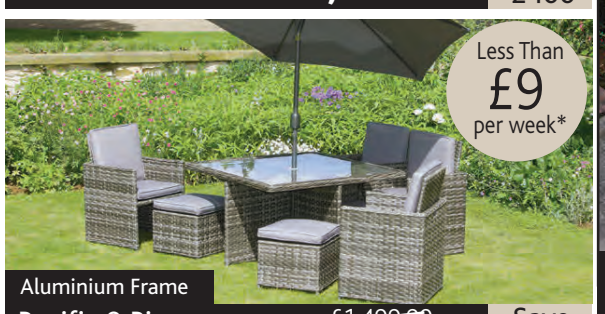

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Firm's extension bid

MANAGEMENT of a West Lancashire–based diving supply company which had a planning application to expand its business rejected by the borough council last year are hoping it will be a case of second time lucky after re–submitting the proposals.

The plans, to demolish a lean–to building at the rear of the Northern Diver premises at East Quarry, Appley Bridgey and build a new two–storey extension incorporating workshop and offices, have been put forward again by the firm's parent company, Armitage Holdings Monaco Ltd.

The initial application was rejected in May last year when the company accused West Lancs Council of "holding back business" in the area. However, the council refuted the claim and said the application was rejected on planning grounds.

A spokesman for Northern Diver told the Champion that they no longer believe that the council are holding back applications and are optimistic about moving forward and creating new jobs.

He said: "The council have been put into a difficult position whereby they they have to look at the full planning application and take into account other local opinions. We are optimistic that this application will be granted and that we can provide more local jobs"

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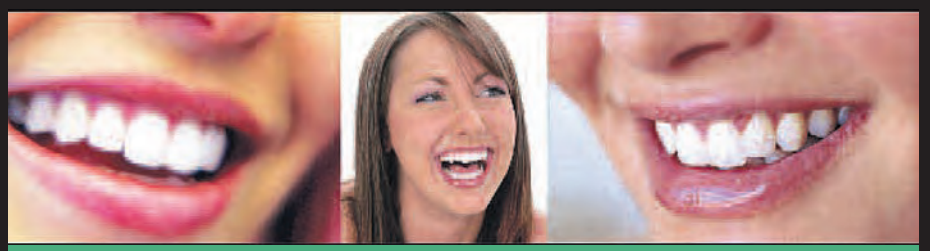

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Specialist school plays host to Asperger's expert

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Professor Tony Attwood was keynote speaker at the annual Witherslack Group conference at Pontville School in Black Moss Lane.

The school, rated as 'outstanding' by Ofsted since 2009, supports children and young people with autistic spectrum conditions, speech, language and communication needs.

The Witherslack Group is a leading provider of specialist education and care for children and young people with special educational needs.

Prof. Attwood spoke at the school's annual parent and carer conference about the successes of parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and offered expert practical support.

Headteacher, Elaine Riley, said: "It was wonderful to hold the conference with Professor Attwood. Like Pontville School he has offered hope, inspiration and vital knowledge at pivotal times in people's lives, so parents were suitably excited to hear him speak and visit our specialist school."

Professor Attwood

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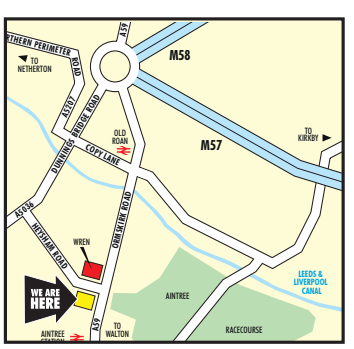

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Constabulary 'must do better' on disability hate crime

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Report also highlights force's good practice

Ch. Supt. Stuart Noble

A REPORT by statutory bodies covering the police, crown prosection service and probation service has found that Lancashire Constabulary needs to improve its approach to disability hate crime.

'Living in a different world', a joint review by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC), HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate (HMCPSI) and HM Inspectorate of Probation's (HMIP) made seven recommendations for police, CPS and probation trusts.

Lancashire was one of six police forces visited as part of the inspections.

The review highlighted areas for improvement, both nationally and locally, but also recognised the force for areas of good practice.

A bespoke five–and–a–half hour training package on hate crime for front–line staff developed by the force was highlighted, as was its approach to third–party reporting, developed in conjunction with the Disability Hate Crime Network.

The report also referred to a 195% increase since 2011–12 to 2013–14 in the number of disability hate crimes reported to the constabulary.

Hate crime lead for Lancashire Police, chief superintendent Stuart Noble, said: "We are committed to tackling all crime motivated by hostility and prejudice and we would urge anyone who has been a victim of a hate crime to have the confidence to come forward and report it to police.

"Whilst elements of the report are disappointing and highlight the gaps, both locally and nationally, specifically around disability hate crime, we are determined to continue to learn, work with communities, victims and partners to increase awareness, the confidence to report incidents and provide the necessary support to victims throughout the investigation.

"We are currently undertaking our own review of our position around disability hate crime and will continue to develop our work around the issue."

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Teaming up... Amanda Bolt (left) from the Alzheimer's Society with Gail Godson, director of Home Instead

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The care providers, based in Heskin Lane, Ormskirk, provided three Alzheimer's Society Dementia Friends sessions and free dementia–awareness Home Instead workshop sessions at the Home Instead office.

Dementia Awareness Week is organised by national Alzheimer's Society charity to raise awareness of the symptoms of the condition and to show that sufferers can still lead a fulfilling life.

The charity's Dementia Friends programme is their biggest initiative to change perceptions of dementia.

It aims to transform the way the nation thinks, talks and acts about the condition.

The charity wants there to be a million Dementia Friends with the know–how to help people with dementia feel understood and included in their community.

Gail Godson, director at Home Instead, said: "The Home Instead workshops teach people to identify the typical signs of dementia and gain a better understanding of the condition. The workshops are not just be limited to family members, they are for anyone who may interact with someone with dementia."

For more information contact Home Instead on 01695 589071.

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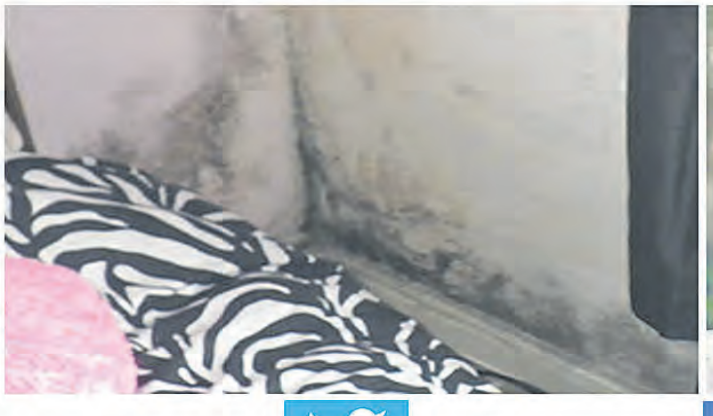

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Fire chiefs back call for stricter rules on fancy dress

Report by **Henry James**

FIRE service chiefs in Lancashire have echoed TV presenter Claudia Winkleman's call for stricter fire safety restrictions on fancy dress costumes after her young daughter was badly burned while wearing one.

Appearing on the consumer affairs programme, Watchdog, the Strictly Come dancing host spoke about the night her daughter Matilda's clothes burst into flames after the fancy dress costume she was wearing brushed against a candle.

The eight–year–old needed several operations to help her recover from her injuries and the surgeon who treated her has called for stricter regulations governing fancy dress costumes which are currently classed as toys NOT clothing.

Claudia Winkleman

As a a result of this 'loophole' such costumes are subject to less rigorous safety tests.

Tony Crook, group manager responsible for integrated risk management at Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, said: "Children's fancy dress costumes are not always fire–proofed or fire–retardant and they can easily become engulfed if they are exposed to a naked flame.

"I would echo the calls made by Claudia, the surgeon and other colleagues from across the country, to ensure that fancy dress costumes should go through the same safety tests as other items of clothing.

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More than 3,000 take up free skills training offer

Report by **Henry James**

County's businesses urged to act fast to take advantage of accredited scheme

A £5.6m programme which offers companies access to free workforce training at a number of institutions in the county, including West Lancashire College, has helped more than 3,300 workers gain new skills in just six months.

Lancashire Skills Support (LSS), launched in September 2014, now has just over 10% of its 3,817 places remaining and businesses across the county are being urged to act fast if they don't want to miss out on the support.

LSS has been brought together by Lancashire County Council and the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and has been funded by the European Social Fund (ESF).

Training has already been completed in areas including team leadership, management, accounting, marketing, sales, health and social care, customer service, engineering, manufacturing, catering and hospitality.

'SUCCESS STORIES'

Amanda Melton, chair of the Lancashire Skills Board, part of the LEP, said: "The response we've had to Lancashire Skills Support shows that Lancashire businesses are busy growing and that new skills and qualifications are in high demand as they look to realise these growth aspirations.

"Over the course of the programme we've seen some real success stories of companies winning new contracts and customers as a result of these new skills, and of workers in Lancashire growing in stature as they improve their own knowledge."

Businesses qualifying for LSS receive a free training needs analysis with eligible employees, followed by free accredited training from leading providers based on their skills requirements.

Training available through the scheme includes a mix of basic and higher level skills, leadership and management skills, as well as technical and industry specialist qualifications.

Organisers are particularly keen to attract businesses in the growth sectors such as aerospace, advanced engineering & manufacturing, energy, environment and low carbon, financial and professional services, creative and digital, leisure, tourism and visitor economy, health occupations, professional, scientific and technical occupations.

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Young to have their say on health and care services

CHILDREN and teenagers are being given the chance to have their say on health and social care services in Lancashire.

The county's Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing Participation Group, PULSE – set up in 2012 with county council support – is to become part of Healthwatch Lancashire.

Members of PULSE will be given the opportunity to develop their own ideas and projects, as well as participating in Healthwatch activities and campaigns.

Gill Brown, Healthwatch Lancashire chief executive, said: "It is important that the views of children and young people are listened to by those who manage and run health and social care services and the Lancashire PULSE group will ensure that these views are not only listened to but that we are able to learn from them."

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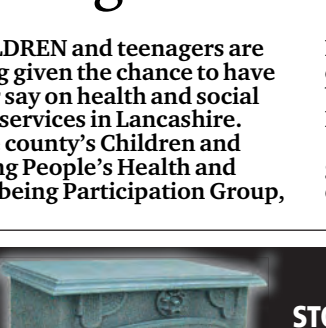

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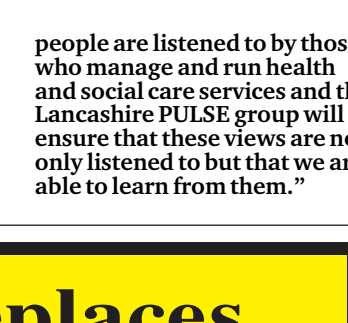

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How people can make, or ruin, your day

LITTLE things can mean so much, as the song goes.

And in life I have found this to be very true.

Only a couple of hours ago I was shopping in my local bargain store and happened, in my clumsy way, to knock a plastic container of cocktail sticks off the shelf with the inevitable result that the top flew off and the wooden sticks scattered in all directions like some kind of Chinese fortune telling system.

I creaked down and started to round them up and persuade them back into their small plastic home. Within seconds I was joined in my task by a pupil from Maricourt High School who simply got on with helping without saying a word.

When all were safely corralled, he walked back to his mum (I imagine) who he was apparently helping with the shopping.

I did try to thank him, but he simply acknowledged my thankfulness and got on with his life.

Now at this point I could start the usual eulogy about how not all young people are vandals and generally unpleasant people. But I'm not going to.

Because as I have noted before, I believe people are people, whether they are 15 or fifty. And this particular person showed just how kind some folk can be when helping out a fellow person.

So my sincere thanks my man, whoever you are. A problem shared is a problem more than halved – and instead of me looking a right 'nana, we became merely two people clearing up a small mess.

So thank you stranger, you're a gent.

And over time I have experienced similar acts of kindness, large and small, which brighten anyone's day. And Good Samaritans come in all ages and sexes too.

So that incident made my day.

Unhappily though, there are also plenty of folk around who can ruin a day just as easily.

Like the horrible tale of the airline pilot who drowned his neighbour's much loved small dog – because it barked while he was in his garden.

Worse, he put the small corpse in a sack, attempted to cut out its identity tag, and dumped it under a hedge.

The courts gave him a suspended jail sentence – I know where I would have liked to suspend him from.

Or our friends the Boys in Blue, who deployed a helicopter, 20 odd vehicles – and armed marksmen – because three cows had been spooked by a dog and escaped from their country house home.

The police claim the cows "constituted a significant risk to the public" but according to onlookers Bessie the cow was chewing her way through a piece of grass when she was shot dead.

Surely the police could have fenced her in, or even use a tranquilising gun if they must.

I remember when I lived in Colchester I saw a female police officer (at the time she was a WPC though sadly not now) chase a huge swan down busy East Hill.

The big bird was determined not in its flight as such, but flapped and waddled, herded by the police person, 'till the duo eventually arrived at the bridge over the Rover Colne, where it took to the water and glided regally on its way.

That was amusing. The events surrounding poor Bessie were anything but.

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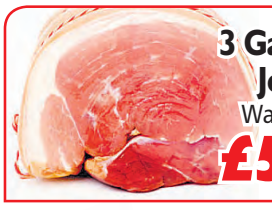

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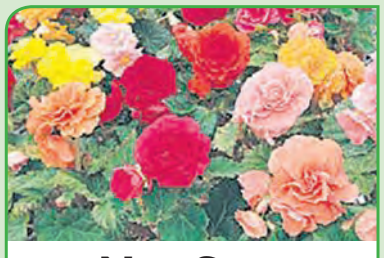

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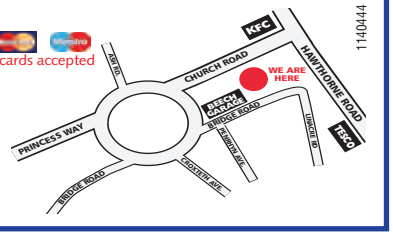

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Crowds flock to historic Three Queens event

By **Tom Martin**

THOUSANDS of spectators, including many from West Lancashire, gathered in Liverpool and along the neighbouring Sefton coastline for the historic Cunard Three Queens event.

Local residents were joined by visitors from across the country to witness the huge vessels sailing in together for the first time for a three–day celebration to mark the 175th anniversary of the founding of Cunard in the city.

The highlight came on Monday, May 25, when the Queen Mary 2, Queen Elizabeth and Queen Victoria sailed in unison along the River Mersey in the afternoon.

They lined up across the water just 130 metres apart as the Red Arrows performed a fly–past overhead to make for a stunning sight for the delighted crowd, many snapping away to capture memorable pictures of the special occasion.

The three–day celebration began on Sunday, May 24, when the Queen Mary 2 made her way past Crosby beach at around 7am.

'Royal' procession... eager spectators on Crosby beach to witness the arrival of one of the Three Queens under the gaze of The Iron Men. Picture by Keith Maynard

Trains and buses were full of commuters travelling to watch the spectacle, with traffic also grinding to a halt on roads near Liverpool's Pier Head as those arriving by car tried to get a glimpse of the ships.

The crowd were also treated to a spectacular firework display in the evening on Sunday before people began to filter home to get some rest ahead of the main spectacle the following day.

It was then time for the arrival of Queen Elizabeth and Queen Victoria, who joined up with the Queen Mary 2 on Monday before all three sailed along the River Mersey in the afternoon.

The crowd bid farewell to the Queen Mary 2 before Queen Elizabeth berthed at the Pier Head while the Queen Victoria found a spot to anchor in the middle of the River Mersey.

A second firework display took place at around 10pm which signalled the departure of the Queen Elizabeth.

It was then replaced by the Queen Victoria, which took its place at the Pier Head overnight before departing on Tuesday (May 26) at around 5pm.

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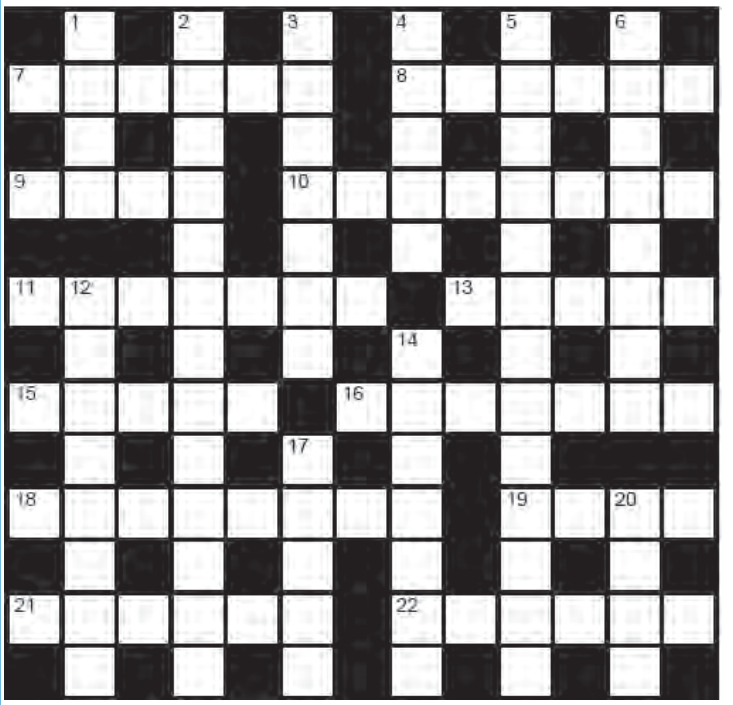

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15 Message sent by computer (1-4)
16 Glint (7)
18 Tibia (8)
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21 Unfairly prejudiced (6)
22 Wild parties (6)

DOWN

1 Unit of land area (4)
2 Performer who twists and bends their body into unnatural positions (13)
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Staff and residents from Hillcroft at the Hilton Hotel in Liverpool, with hotel staff and members of the public

Patriotic care home party celebrate VE Day anniversary

RESIDENTS and staff at a residential care home commemorated the 70th anniversary of VE Day with a Union Jack–themed event at the Hilton Hotel in Liverpool.

The party from the Hillcroft home in Long Lane, Aughton marked the occasion by dressing in patriotic red, white and blue and enjoyed an afternoon tea, sandwiches, cakes and wine, while swapping memories of the second world war and the celebrations that followed the announcement of Victory in Europe

Hillcroft's vents organiser, Lesley Malone, said: "Other visitors to the hotel listened to the residents' memories, especially our resident Agnes, who was a land girl in the war and remembers parties in the street to celebrate VE Day."

Try something new call to adult learners

WEST Lancashire residents are being urged to have a go at something they have never tried before as part of national Adult Learners' Week (June 15–19).

Lancashire County Council's adult learning service is offering more than 50 free taster courses in a wide range of subjects.

You can try your hand at Indian head massage, get clued up on digital photography or learn about safe banking online, while history and myth, a taste of Spain and dementia awareness are just a few more of the classes on offer.

The free two–hour courses will be held from Monday to Friday, June 15 to 19, in local venues across the county such as libraries, community centres, church halls, children's centres and schools.

Adult Learners' Week inspires thousands of people each year to discover how learning can change their lives.

Linda Carter, assistant principal of Lancashire Adult Learning, said: "Our free Adult Learners' Week courses are designed to encourage people to try out adult learning and to discover the wide range of learning opportunities that are on offer in Lancashire.

"Adult learning can help people to gain new skills, expand their abilities and transform their lives so I hope that people will give it a go and realise that you're never too old to learn."

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Ed and Kaz have now built up a regular client base of weekly, fortnightly or monthly domestic house cleans.

Ed says: "Our reputation was growing quicker than we could of imagined. Our happy clients were referring us to their families and friends.

Local letting agents are using our services to bring properties back to a presentable state for new tenants and builders using us to clean following their works.

"This success meant that at the beginning of the new year we employed two new members of staff Marcin and Daria and following full training to our high standards we now have another vehicle on the road to help satisfy more clients.

"Generally people don't have a lot of time to clean their houses. Having busy lives, the last thing they want to do is come home and start to clean their bathrooms, kitchens, windows and hoover.

"3Ts Cleaning Services offer them the solution to make their lives easier and bring smiles to the faces on returning home from work. Leaving them to spend quality time with their families.

"Our clients are happy to post testimonials on our facebook page:

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Sporty pupils net place in county games finale

St Anne's Primary School's netball team

SPORTY pupils from a local primary have netted a place in the finals of a prestigous county–wide schools competition.

Members of the netball squad at St Anne's Catholic Primary School, Ormskirk defeated rivals from Burscough and Skelmersdale to win the right to represent West Lancashire in the finals of the SPAR Lancashire School Games to be held at Stanley Park, Blackpool on June 30.

Now in its ninth year, the event is the biggest school games scheme in the county.

The county finals will see more than 2,000 children compete in gymnastics, handball, football, netball, rounders, athletics, tennis and tag rugby.

The event is organised by Lancashire Sport Partnership and sponsored by James Hall & Company Ltd, the SPAR distributors for the North of England.

Organiser Chris Hart said: "It was fantastic to see so many parents supporting the children at Glenburn Sports College for the annual West Lancashire high five netball qualifiers and the level of sportsmanship and team spirit displayed was exceptional.

"Congratulations to the pupils from St Anne's Primary School on securing a much–coveted place at the SPAR Lancashire School Games."

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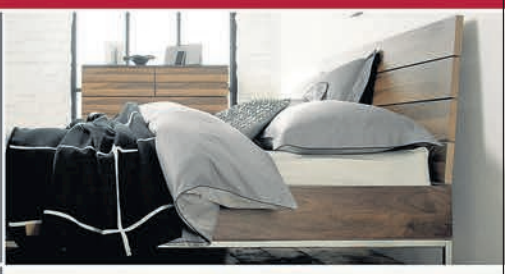

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Care home group enjoy Dementia Awareness Week museum trip

RESIDENTS from a care home in Aughton visited an exhibition at the Museum of Liverpool to celebrate National Dementia Awareness Week.

Six residents from the Hillcroft residential and care home in Long Lane were joined on the day trip by a member of Age UK which has paired up with the home as part of their initiative to make all older people feel involved in the community.

National Dementia Awareness Week, organised by the Alzheimer's Society, promotes the message that life doesn't end when dementia begins.

Lesley Malone, Hillcroft's events co–ordinator, said: "Six residents, four of whom suffer from dementia, and a member from Age UK went to the museum to take a stroll down the Memory Lane exhibit which featured 1940s, 1950s and 1960s–themed exhibitions and memory–boxes holding household items including old sewing machines, irons and and old–fashioned toys including a giant rocking horse.

"Going to Liverpool brought back lots of memories for the residents and the conversations they had about their childhoods and about the city were unbelievable.

"People who suffer from dementia can still have a great quality of life and activities and events like these promote stimulating dementia sufferers. At Hillcroft we encourage our residents to join in with these meaningful activities and continue their involvement in the community."

Residents from Hillcroft at the Museum of Liverpool

County's young readers vote for their favourites

THE winners of the 10th annual Fantastic Book Awards have been chosen by young readers from Lancashire.

Pupils aged nine to eleven in 120 schools across the county were asked to read six books from a list of 30 during the autumn and spring terms.

The children voted for their favourite at the end of the spring term.

Ceremonies were held in five primary schools to announce the winning authors and books. These were as follows Tracey Corderoy (Baddies, Beasties and a Sprinkling of Crumbs!); Neil Gaiman (Fortunately, the Milk...); Peter Hamilton (The Queen of Dreams); Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre (Oliver and the Seawigs) and Kate Scott (Boy in Tights).

The aim of the awards is to support reading for pleasure and enjoyment by introducing newly–published fiction titles to nine to 11–year–old pupils.

Enthusiasm

Marcus Johnstone, Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for environment, planning and cultural services, said: "I really applaud this initiative. It is one I fully support. We are committed to maintaining the high levels and standards of literacy in Lancashire and this is a fun way that we engage with our children to encourage them to read.

"We particularly like the books to be read in a book club so the pupils can share their thoughts in a relaxed setting and foster enthusiasm for reading and discussion.

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Entertainer wants to carry on 'forever'

Report by **Henry James**

THE King of Mirth – Ken Dodd is returning to Southport Theatre on Saturday at 7pm.

The entertainer, who has performed in theatres all over the country in a career which spans over six decades, is famous for his tickling stick, rapid one–liners, for his friends the Diddymen from Knotty Ash and for selling records across the world – in the sixties he was this country's best–selling pop artist.

He has told jokes at the London Palladium while Bob Hope was in the audience and sung at the same venue, with none other than Bing Crosby watching.

He has also survived setbacks. At the end of the 1980s, the comedian was charged with tax evasion, but he was acquitted.

He is listed on Wikipedia as 87 and when The Champion asked him how long he thinks he can go on performing he responded: "I think I can go on forever. Retirement is when a man or women stops doing what they don't want to do and start doing what they want to do.

"I have been doing what I love doing for the last 60, 70, 80 years and I want to keep doing that. What I do has become a way of life for me."

Doddy wouldn't confirm his age but added: "In my head I am 30 several."

The performer has an OBE, but has yet to receive a knighthood. "I will leave that to the powers that be," Ken said when asked if he would like to receive the recognition. "To receive a knighthood would be very nice, but my greatest accolade is standing on stage and hearing the audience laugh.

"It is a wonderful experience to stand in front of an audience at Southport theatre, or any theatre, and know the people in front of you are all waiting to laugh.

"I am in a wonderful profession, the greatest profession of all. Southport is a great theatre and draws people from all over. We get explorers from Preston and also people from the other side of the hill in Yorkshire. There are wonderful people who come to my show. They are not fans, they are my friends.

"I come to Southport three times a year and each show I tell them different jokes, different songs and sometimes I wear a different coat! Every show is a different experience, in 60 plus years I have never done the same show twice. Each audience I play in a different way, I play an audience like you would play a piano."

Ken Dodd **Code NA**

Last year, it was 60 years since the entertainer gave his first professional performance at the Empire Theatre in Nottingham. But how has he managed to sustain his popularity for over six decades? "I would like to think I am a reasonable man who hopefully communicates to everyone in the audience. I talk to the audience, like I was talking to one person.

"I was given a gift in being able to entertain people. When I go on stage I have to build a rapport with the audience. I have 30 seconds to say hello and make friends and let the audience know that I am not the sort of fellow who is going to try and harangue and shout at them, or tell them any mucky stories."

Doddy will not be the only performer on May 30, people will also be able to see one of the Diddymen, Dicky Mint. Ken explained: "Dicky Mint is the foreman of the jam butty mines here in Knotty Ash. He hears a rumour that somewhere near Southport, or Ormskirk, that a treacle well has been discovered. He wants to swap some Knotty Ash jam butties for Southport treacle.

"Expect an evening of fun, laughter, music and song."

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Treat for lovers of folk music at Arts Centre

THIS June, there is a treat for lovers of folk music at the Arts Centre, Edge Hill University, Ormskirk.

The Jackie Oates Band play at the venue on Thursday, June 4 and Peter Knight's Gigspanner bring their Layers of Ages Album Launch Tour on Thursday, June 18.

The delicate balance between then and now, respect and reinvention, tradition and the new has made Jackie Oates a name synonymous with the good health of English folk music in the 21st century.

This tour celebrates the release of Jackie's sixth studio album, The Spyglass & The Herringbone, a record exploring lesser known but life–affirming songs from the English tradition, drawing on material dug from the archives, as well as some carefully selected original works including the title track by band member Chris Sarjeant.

Since his departure from folk–rock pioneers Steeleye Span at the end of 2013, Peter Knight has turned his full attention to his trio Gigspanner, and in the process has firmly established their reputation as one of the most innovative acts on the folk/roots scene.

Few fiddle players can hold a candle to the legendary Peter Knight, whose presence has enriched the folk scene for four decades.

This launch tour of Gigspanner's new studio album Layers of Ages sees the trio blowing the dust from a collection of well–worn traditional songs and tunes carefully dismantled, reconsidered and put together again to reveal moments of originality and beauty.

Peter Knight's Gigspanner **Code NA**

As expected, traditional music forms the bedrock of the trio's repertoire, but the approach is what sets it apart...leaving enough room with the arrangements to spread and stretch the music in the moment. Multicultural influences are fed into the mix, with French, Cajun, African, Cuban and even Aboriginal traditions.

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Hear Motown classics at Phil

CELEBRATING 50 years of UK number one hit singles, the Magic of Motown brings its brand–new 2015 REACH OUT Tour to the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall this Sunday (May 31) at 7.30pm.

Songs like Stop in the Name of Love, I Can't Help Myself, Tracks of My Tears and It's the Same Old Song rocketed artists like the Supremes, The Four Tops, and Smokey Robinson and the Miracles to the top of the singles charts in 1965, said show producer Michael Taylor.

"Incredibly, 100 more No1s followed worldwide," he added. "The Magic of Motown 2015 Reach Out Tour brings to the stage 36 of these chart toppers back–to–back in one critically–acclaimed production."

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Hairspray is a 'good musical with fancy choreography'

Review by **Jenny Robson**

• Hairspsray – BOS Musical Theatre Company
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THE students from Patterson Park High School are buzzing with excitement as they audition to get on to the Corny Collins television show.

One of the regulars, Brenda, is leaving (for nine months!) so who will fill the gap? Cue the competition between plain and plump Tracy and beautiful blonde Amber. Both are also plying for the attention of Link Larkin (Devon Motte looking every inch the teenage heart–throb, especially when he wears his white suit).

Bethany Lewis has lots of enthusiasm and energy so is perfect as Tracy,

'There are some excellent comic duos'

reprising the role she first played three years ago with SONG.

Lucie Clarke is a pleasure to watch as Penny. Her mannerisms and expressions are on show even when in the background.

There are some excellent comic duos – namely Nathan Colman in drag as Edna Turnblad and Bruce Lee as her husband Wilbur.

Amber (Lauren Millar) and her pushy mother Velma (Sarah McNally) bounce off each other very well – as do Motormouth Maybelle (Chloe Davies) and Seaweed (Mitch Mimms).

Nick Lloyd does a good job as Corny Collins and Jhanaica Mook is suitably cute as Little Inez.

The show is set in America during the sixties – except that it isn't swinging for everyone. There is a dramatic racial problem but – hey! – Tracy is coming to the rescue with plans for integration. After a short spell in prison for protesting, Tracy gets her way and unites all races on the Corny Collins Show. It is no surprise when Amber is voted Miss Ultra Clutch Hairspray (albeit a little too early!) but Tracy isn't interested in the title. After all, she has Link!

Despite a few sound problems and some of the words being indecipherable, this is a good production with fancy choreography, energetic music from Charles Moss and his band and much vivacity from the whole cast. Score: 8/10

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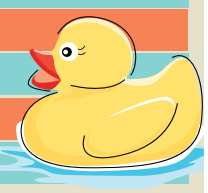

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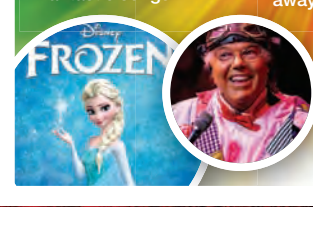

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The family would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for all the care and support shown to them at this very sad time. Thank you also for the generous donations received for Cancer Research UK. Special thanks to Rev. Stuart Reid and everyone involved in the Service of Thanksgiving it was much appreciated. Grateful thanks to Wendy Maxwell and all the staff at Howard's Funeral Directors for the dignified funeral arrangements.

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DEATHS

RIMINGTON SONNY

17th May 2015

Aged 84 years

Peacefully at home with his wife by his side. Beloved husband. Sonny will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Service at St Philip & St Paul with Wesley Parish Church on Monday 1st June at 1:30pm followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Tel: 01704 500086.

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29th May 2015

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IN MEMORIAM

Sue Rimmer

29th May 2005

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Matthews John

The family of the late John Matthews wish to express their sincere thanks to all neighbours and friends for their kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent bereavement.

Also for the cards and flowers and also donations to the Stroke Association and to the Doctors and Nurses at Southport hospital.

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DEATHS

Gore Norman

14th May

Aged 73

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BIRTHDAYS

Eric Hampson

29th May

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90th
Birthday

Loads of love from Sheila and all the family
XXX

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IN MEMORIAM

Devereux Mark Stephen

11 Years
27th May

We thought of you with love today.
But that is nothing new.
We thought of you yesterday and days before that too.
We think of you in silence and often speak your name.
Now all we have are memories and your picture in a frame.
Good night God Bless
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Chloe Teachen

29th May

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IN MEMORIAM

R.B. Rix (Sonny)

1st June 2012

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BIRTHS

Southern

Helen and Craig are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of their precious son Oliver David on the 22/5/15 Weighing 81b 7.5oz.

1st Grandchild for Hil and Dave, Sue and Andy.
1st Great grandchild for Ron.

Thanks to all the staff at Ormskirk Maternity Unit

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PRAYER

HOLY SPIRIT

You, who make me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideals. You, who gave the Divine Gift to forgive and forget all that is done to me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank You for everything and affirm once more that I never want to be separated from You no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in their perpetual glory. To that end, and submitting to God's Holy Will, I ask You *(mention your request).*

This prayer must be said for three consecutive days. After the third day the request will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Promise to publish the entire dialogue as a condition of having your request granted.

T.K.

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Thanks to our lady of Fatima T.K. (45565)

Grateful Thanks St Jude. Favours received J.T. (45564)

PRAYER

DEAR SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In the past I have asked for many favours. This time I ask for one special favour. (mention it)

Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine.

Amen

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2015/0397/FUL A steel framed/steel clad agricultural building to house a tractor and implements and livestock on a temporary basis for birthing and extreme weather conditions at Tunley Brook Barn, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.
The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 applies.
Application No: 2015/0447/FUL Installation and operation of a solar farm and associated infrastructure, including photovoltaic panels, mounting frames, inverters, transformers, substations, communications building, fence and pole mounted security cameras, for the life of the solar farm at Land To The North Of, Pippin Street, Burscough.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
The application is accompanied by an environmental statement (a copy of which is available for inspection or purchase if required).

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2015/0347/FUL Variation of Condition Nos. 3, 6, and 7 imposed on planning permission 2006/0358 to agree details used for external materials and roofing materials; the finished levels of all parts of the site, including floor levels of all buildings and the landscaping scheme at Bowland, The Delph, Parbold.
Application No: 2015/0385/FUL Removal of 3 windows to install French doors with wrought iron balustrade at Disraelis, 26 Church Street, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2015/0461/COU Change of use of highway land to outdoor seating area at Sweet Memories, 1 Wheatsheaf Walk, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2015/0489/FUL Extension to main public car park to provide an additional 90 car parking spaces on the site at Ormskirk General Hospital, Wigan Road, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2015/0492/FUL Erection of a single storey side porch, single storey orangery style rear extension and alterations to garage roof at 30 St Helens Road, Ormskirk.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Assistant Director Planning
Dated: 27th May 2015 PDNOT845

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(NORTH MOOR LANE, HALSALL, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle, cycle or pedestrians from proceeding over that length of North Moor Lane for a distance of 10 metres either side of the Hulmes Canal Bridge, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- North Moor Lane – A5147 Halsall Road – A5147 Gorsuch Lane – A570 Southport Road – A59 County Road – Cottage Lane – Asmall Lane – North Moor Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable essential repairs to be made to a damaged bridge following an impact by a motor vehicle

The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 25th May 2015 until 1700 hours Friday 19th June 2015, or until completion of the works within this period.

Phil Durnell, Head of Highways
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[Ref: LHS/BS/08/107/ARH]

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NOTICE OF PROPOSAL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(PART REVOCATION, 30MPH AND 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 201*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council propose to make the above Speed Limit Order under Sections 82(2), 83(2), 84(1)(a) and (2) and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to:
1)Revoke:
a)Articles 2 and 3 of the "Lancashire County Council (B5246 The Marshes Lane/ Holmeswood Road, Mere Brow/ Holmeswood and A5147 Halsall Road/Gorsuch Lane, Halsall /Gorsuch West Lancashire Borough) (Part Revocation, 30 40 and 50 mph speed limit) Order 2011" insofar as it relates to Articles 1 and 3 of that Order.
b)Article 2 of the "Lancashire County Council (Higher Lane, Beacon Lane and Hillock Lane, Dalton West Lancashire Borough) (Restricted Road and 40 mph Speed Limit) Order 2012"insofar as it relates to item 1 of Schedule 2 to that Order.
c)Article 2 of the "Lancashire County Council Various Roads Rufford and Tarleton, West Lancashire District) (30 mph and 40 mph Speed Limit) Order 1990" insofar as it relates to item 3 of Schedule 2 to that Order.
d)Article 1 of the "Lancashire County Council (Bescar Lane, Bescar, West Lancashire District) (40 mph speed limit) Order 1989" insofar as it relates to item 1 of the Schedule to that Order.
e)Article 2 of the "Lancashire County Council (Various Streets, West Lancashire District) (30 mph Speed Limit and 40 mph Speed Limit (No.2) Order 1988" insofar as it relates to items 1 and 2 of Schedule 2 to that Order.
2)Introduce Restricted Roads (30mph speed limit will apply) on the following lengths of road:
a)B5246 Holmeswood Road, Holmeswood, from a point 164 metres south east of the centreline of Sandy Lane in a north-westerly direction to a point 402 metres north west of the centreline of Wiggins Lane.
b)Wiggins Lane, Holmeswood, from its junction with B5246 Holmeswood Road for a distance of 336 metres in a south westerly direction.
c)Lyelake Lane (Service Road) Bickerstaffe for its entire length from its junction with Lyelake Lane main carriageway to its junction with Skelmersdale Road main carriageway, a total of 128 metres.
d)B5312 Skelmersdale Road, Bickerstaffe from its junction with the roundabout junction for a distance of 280 metres in a north easterly direction.
e)Barrow Nook Lane Bickerstaffe, from a point 50 metres north-west of its junction with Coach Road to the centre line of Moss Lane.
f)Coach Road Bickerstaffe from its junction with Barrow Nook Lane to a point 50 metres south-east of the centre line of Moss Lane.
g)Moss Lane, Bickerstaffe for its entire length from its junction with Coach Road to its junction with Sinacre Lane.
h)Sinacre Lane, Bickerstaffe from its junction with Barrow Nook Lane to a point 150 metres south of its junction with Moss Lane.
i)Bescar Lane, Scarisbrick, from a point 250 metres south of the centre line of Drummersdale Lane to a point 460 metres north and east of the centre line of Drummersdale Lane.
j)Drummersdale Lane, Scarisbrick from the centre line of Bescar Lane for a distance of 300 metres in an easterly direction.
k)Swan Close, Scarisbrick for its entire length.
l)Woodmoss Lane, Scarisbrick from the centre line of Bescar Lane for a distance of 330 metres in a westerly direction.
m)Bleak Lane, Lathom from a point 10 metres east of its junction with Meadow Lane to its junction with Meadow Lane.
n)Daisy Lane, Lathom for its entire length.
o)Meadow Lane, Lathom from a point 8 metres north of its junction with Bleak Lane to a point 65 metres south of its junction with Daisy Lane for a distance of 83 metres.
p)Higher Lane, Dalton from a point 90 metres south of its junction with Ash Brow to a point 420 metres south of its junction with Higher Lane for a distance of 330 metres.
3)Introduce a 30mph speed limit in the following lengths of road:
a)Elmer's Green Lane, Skelmersdale from the centre line of Beacons Lane for a distance of 585 metres in a southerly direction.
b)Bleak Lane, Lathom from a point 10 metres north east of its junction with Meadow Lane for a distance of 165 metres in a north easterly direction.
c)Meadow Lane, Lathom from a point 65 metres south of its junction with Daisy Lane for a distance of 110 metres in a southerly direction.
d)Meadow Lane, Lathom from a point 8 metres north of its junction with Bleak Lane for a distance of 167m in a northerly direction.
4)Introduce a 40mph speed limit in the following lengths of road:
a)B5312 Liverpool Road, Skelmersdale from the centre line of Skelmersdale Road for a distance of 80 metres north and then east.
b)White Moss Road, Skelmersdale from the centre line of Liverpool Road for a distance of 475 metres in a south westerly direction.
c)B5312 Skelmersdale Road Bickerstaffe from a point 280 metres north east of its junction with the roundabout with Leylake Lane to its junction with Liverpool Road.
d)B5264 The Marshes Lane, Tarleton, from its junction with B5246 Holmeswood Road to a point 271 metres south of the centre line of Mere Brow Lane.
e)Wiggins Lane, Rufford from a point 336 metres south west of the centre line of Holmeswood Road to its junction with Berry House Road.
f)Berry House Road, Scarisbrick, for its entire length.
g)Fish Lane, Burscough, for its entire length.
h)Tarlscough Lane, Burscough, for its entire length.
i)Red Cat Lane, from its junction with Tarlscough Lane in an easterly and sough easterly direction to a point 326 metres north of the centreline of Mere Avenue.
j)Bescar Lane, Bickerstaffe, from a point 250 metres south of its junction with Drummersdale Lane for a distance of 520 metres in a southerly direction.
k)Higher Lane, Dalton, from a point 420 metres south of its junction with Ash Brow to a point 160 metres south of its junction with Hillock Lane for a distance of 990 metres.
The above restriction will reduce the national speed limit where appropriate.

A copy of the draft Order and associated documents for proposing to make the Order may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of The Chief Executive, West Lancashire Borough Council, PO Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk L39 2DF and at the offices of The Director of Governance Finance & Public Services, Lancashire County Council, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ. Any representations or objections (specifying the grounds on which they are made) relating to the proposal must be made in writing and should be sent to The Director of Governance, Finance & Public Services, Lancashire County Council, P O Box 78, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ or by e-mail to tro-consultation@lancashire.gov.uk quoting ref:LSG4\5.46858\RH3 before the 24th June 2015.

Ian Young, Director of Governance, Finance & Public Services
27th May 2015

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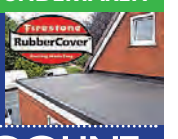

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It's a sad day for the Sega Rally generation

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A CAR COMPANY you'd completely forgotten about is on the automotive equivalent of life support.

At the moment it offers just two models – one of which is a very lightly disguised Chrysler Voyager people carrier – and the only country either are offered in is Italy. Yet it's behind some of the most innovative cars ever produced, including a humble hatchback that went on to win the World Rally Championship five times on the trot.

How the heck did Lancia get it so completely wrong?

My theory is that you'll have one of three recollections of this great Italian marque, depending entirely on your age. If you're old enough to remember it, Lancia was about the Beta and (not entirely true) news reports suggesting corrosion was so bad engines would simply drop out onto the road beneath. If you're young enough to know what a Pixie Lott is, you almost certainly won't remember Lancia because it was dropped entirely from the UK back in 1994.

I'm somewhere in the middle, which means I grew up sliding pixellated rally cars around Southport's amusement arcades. The Sega Rally generation – the generation that's now old enough to buy cars – grew up worshipping the Lancia Delta Integrale.

For me, it seems desperately sad that the manufacturer behind the Fulvia, the Stratos, the Montecarlo and the Ferrari–engined Thema 8.32 has been reduced to flogging a rebadged MPV and a tarted up Fiat 500 in Italy alone. Particularly because it was only a couple of years ago parent company Fiat missed a golden opportunity to bring it back to Blighty.

I remember test driving the current Ypsilon and not being terribly impressed – but its bigger brother, the Delta, was a corker. It would have been a great reintroduction for Lancia, but rather bizarrely all its cars were badged over here as Chryslers instead, despite looking about as American as a plate of risotto.

I can't be the only Brit old enough to remember Lancia fondly but young enough to forgive the rusty Beta debacle that savaged the company's reputation a very, very long time ago – let's face it, when it happened Spandau Ballet were still yet to release their first single!

I think it's high time Fiat let Lancia off the leash a bit, stopped faffing around with rebadged people carriers and made some sports cars worthy of the great name, and brought them over here for a newly appreciative British audience to enjoy them. Fingers crossed!

David is the news editor for Classic Car Weekly

David spent his childhood driving one of these on Sega Rally games **Code NA**

The Fiat Aegea is a small saloon rather than a hatchback **Code NA**

Fiat Aegea could go on sale in UK showrooms

FIAT is weighing up whether or not to bring its latest model to Britain. The Aegea is a small saloon made by the company's factory in Turkey, and is available with two petrol and two turbodiesel engines. It's still under evaluation by Fiat UK, but traditionally small saloons have been poor sellers here – which is why Ford and Vauxhall have both dropped theirs from British showrooms.

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Deposit	£999	1x Payment	£378.90
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Amount of Credit	£13500	Interest Charges	£2018.40
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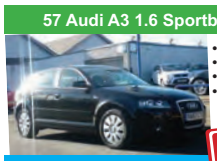

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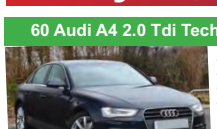

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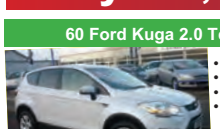

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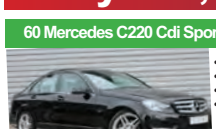

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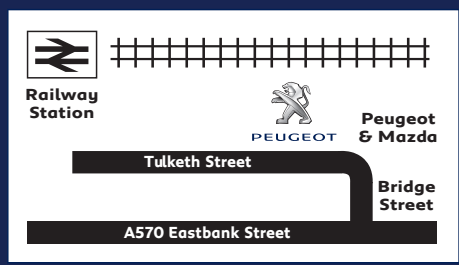

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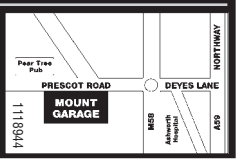

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Ormskirk knocked off top as batters muster just 97 at New Brighton

Northern CC's Tom Bailey celebrates taking the wicket of Derbyshire's Ben Slater on the opening day of the match.

ORMSKIRK were knocked off the top of the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition Premier Division at second placed New Brighton on Saturday.

After electing to bat Ormskirk struggled and were dismissed for just 97, with only John Armstrong 35, skipper Matty Glayzer 25 and Lancashire's Simon Kerrigan 17 making double figures, whilst the pick of the bowlers was Ashraf Nawab with 3–26.

In reply the hosts eased to victory on 100–3, thanks to Lancashire's Luke Procter 29*, Upal Fernando 27* and Martyn Evans 23, with Nick Caunce taking 2–19.

Southport & Birkdale were beaten by 6 wickets at Birkenhead Park.

After deciding to bat first S&B managed to put 176 up on the board, thanks to Adam Phillips 47, Scott Lees 31 and a late unbeaten flourish from Chris Andrews 27*, whilst chief destroyer with the ball was veteran spinner Robbie Houghton who took the first 9 to wickets to fall to end with 9–49.

In reply, Ian Daniel 67 and an unbeaten 40 from Luke Camden made sure the hosts sealed victory on 177–4.

Lytham elected to bat at Formby and were soon sent packing for 111, with only Will Hale 40 able to offer much resistance with the bat as Nottinghamshire's Gary Keedy 4–6 and opener Alex Lines 5–46 tore a hole in the middle to late order. In reply Jude Mahadanaarachchi 85* and Patrick Pisel 21* raced to 114–0 to seal an emphatic 10 wicket victory and move up the third place in the table.

Northern were put in to bat at home to Bootle, with Stephen Lucas 53, skipper James Cole 49, former Bootle batsman Davy Smith 48 and Ian Carroll 31 helping them to declare on 209–5. In reply 5–35 from Ryan Maddock then helped to dismiss their close neighbours for 108 and seal a 101 run victory.

This weekend's local LDCC Premier Division fixtures (1pm): Lytham v Northern, Ormskirk v Leigh, Rainhill v Formby, Southport & Birkdale v New Brighton.

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Stone takes six as Burscough roll over Skelmersdale for 73

BURSCOUGH continued their perfect start to the season in the Second Division with a convincing 9 wicket home win over Skelmersdale.

After winning the toss Skelmersdale were duly rolled over for just 73, thanks to 6–17 from Jon Stone and 3–20 from Jack Cosgrove.

In reply, 34 not out from Ryan Hughes and an undefeated 18 from Lee Berrie made sure the visitors went home pointless and opened up a 34 point gap at the top for the leaders.

Hightown St Mary's climbed up to mid table after a quickfire 7 wicket win at Caldy, the hosts were put in to bat and dismissed for just 59, thanks to 5–30 from Jan Gadzina and 3–13 from Paul Jones. The visitors then eased to 62–3 to wrap up maximum points, with Kamran Hussain 25* and Gadzina 24* both unbeaten.

Maghull moved to second place in the First Division with a 55 run home win over Sefton Park, after electing to bat the hosts declared after 62 overs on 197–8, thanks in the main to Liam Crilly 44, an unbeaten 43 from Declan Devine and 24 from skipper Greg Gillespie, with Fraser Hill 3–45 and Peter Kelly 3–49 taking the bulk of the wickets.

In reply 3–37 from Crilly and 3–44 from his spin partner Jack Snowdon helped dismiss the visitors for 142 and seal the win.

Fleetwood Hesketh climbed up the table with a 45 run home win over second placed Liverpool, the hosts elected to bat first and thanks to Australian Harry Nichols 36, Andrew Watts 32 including 3 consecutive sixes and Paul Regan 27 managed to put 159 up on the board, with Sean Hogan taking 6–40.

In reply 5–30 by Aaron Halsall set up victory as the visitors were bowled out for 114.

Ainsdale moved up to third place with a 76 run win at Northop Hall, after being asked to bat Ainsdale compiled 207–7 dec, thanks in the main to 65 from the experienced Mal Swift, an unbeaten 43 from Adnan Rasool and 41 from Mark Lucas.

In reply the hosts were dismissed for 131, thanks to Adam Friar with 6–48, Rasool with 4–33 and 3 stumpings from Tom Prescott.

This weekend's local LDCC Division One and Two fixtures: Ainsdale v Maghull, Hightown St Mary's v Sutton, Skelmersdale v Alder and Orrell Red Triangle v Burscough.

Skem historian aims to write new book on memories of 1967 Wembley final

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

Having already had two books on Skelmersdale United Football Club published the 'official club historian' Kevin Panther is going for the hat–trick with one he is now busy researching about the legendary team of 1967 who reached the FA Cup Amateur Final.

Kevin co–authored the book on the history of the club 'The Boys in Blue from 1882' then worked with myself on the book 'Champions' the story of Skelmersdale United's famous all conquering championship season of 2012/13.

Arguably in many local Skelmersdale people's eyes the team that is remembered of the two Wembley teams, the 1967 team contained more locally based players and although they lost out in a replay to Enfield after a 0–0 draw at Wembley the players are still remembered fondly by the old timers around the town.

A previous book by Kevin Panther.

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He wants to know what people remember of the road to Wembley and intends it to be a verbal history of the day from the perspective of the people who were there on the day.

He is also looking for any photographs or memorabilia that you may have. He promises to return them, but does want to photograph the items or to copy old photographs, for inclusion in the book.

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INTRO

Welcome to your Focus on Care, designed to help you make sense of the huge amount of care services available in the area and the options local to you.

For some, care can be a confusing and difficult subject - but it needn't be. There are certainly plenty of options and once you have found the services or products right for you, you will wonder how you managed without them.

From residential care to community care, dementia and respite care, this guide will answer all your questions and point you in the right direction if you need to find out more.

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The Care Quality Commission (CQC) is the independent regulator of health care and adult social care services in England. It is responsible for maintaining standards in health and adult social care in England. All care homes are types of service providers required to be registered with the CQC.

A booklet outlining the National Minimum Standards Care Homes Regulations can be obtained from The CQC or by contacting your local Department Of Health.

If you do not already have a home in mind and are not sure of how to find one, these points may help:

- The (CQC) provides details of registered care homes in every area. You can also see copies of their inspection reports for homes you are interested in on their website
- Social workers at your local authority social services department or the hospital may also be able to provide a list of homes
- Telephone directories will contain addresses of homes
- There are an increasing number of independent websites aimed at assisting people to find care homes and other services, it is always advisable to check the 'About us' section on these sites to find out who they may be tied to or owned by in terms of the actual independence of their information.

Care homes can be owned and run by local councils, private companies or voluntary organisations. Private care homes are run for profit by private organisations and individual proprietors. Voluntary homes are non-profit making and run by registered charities, religious organisations and housing associations, sometimes for particular groups of people. Both types of home can choose to whom they offer accommodation. Some care homes are run by the social services department of the local authority.

Each home should produce a statement of purpose, setting out its aims and objectives,

the range of facilities and services it offers to its residents and the terms and conditions on which it does so in its contract of occupancy. This should be made available to prospective residents along

with copies of the home's most recent CQC inspection reports.

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If you find yourself being able to live quite an independent life but requiring help for specific tasks such as going out to shop or walking the dog or even cleaning windows, there are solutions for you too.

You also may find that assisted living aids such as a stair lift, a downstairs bathroom or a wheelchair can make all the difference with continuing to live at home.

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If you are a carer yourself there are ways of ensuring that you can get valuable assistance in what you do. These care workers can also be known as care attendants or personal assistants. Home help can provide services such as:

- Domiciliary care for the person you're looking after. This includes help with getting up and going to bed, bathing, dressing, meals and medication.
- Help with shopping.
- Sitting with the person you're looking after to allow you to have a break.
- Helping the person you're looking after to go to the cinema, pub, shopping or to enjoy any other community activity.
- Practical tasks around the home such as cleaning and cooking.

Being a carer or becoming one can be daunting, not least physically. If, for example, you are required to physically lift someone you must ensure that you can do so safely. Your local authority has a responsibility to consider your needs as a carer and the needs of the person you care for.. Simply contact your local authority and ask for a community care assessment for the person you look after, as well as a carer's assessment to help you. For advice and guidance on moving and handling, ask for an occupational therapy assessment. You may be given free specialist equipment to help you, such as hoists, stand aids, transfer boards or slide sheets. You may also be able to find free training courses, which will teach you safe handling methods.

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You may worry at how to fund any of the above solutions but there is help available there too.

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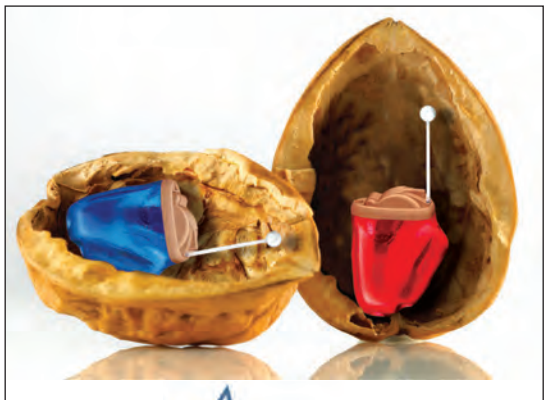

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3. You can sometimes get a break when the person you care for is involved in other activities, for instance at school or at a day care centre.

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We have explored some of the help offered in our HELP AT HOME Section and though for most this is, by far, the most preferred solution it is important to have other possibilities to fall back on, if needed.

Adapting your home

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Website: www.aica.org.uk

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Telephone: 0800 078 7430 or 01903 550 184

Website: www.carefeesadvice.com

Care Quality Commission (CQC)

The national regulatory body of care homes in England, which can provide inspection reports and care standards for care homes.

Tel: 03000 61 61 61

Email: enquiries@cqc.org.uk

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Tel: 0800 377 7070

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Tel: 0800 319 6789

Email: charity@independentage.org

Website: www.independentage.org

Relatives and Residents Association

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DEMENTIA

Dementia can strike anyone, regardless of background or lifestyle. When someone becomes aware that their mental abilities are declining, they will feel increasingly vulnerable, stressed and anxious. They will need their friends, family and carers to help them retain a sense of identity for as long as possible.

The first thing that people with dementia will need is a regular routine to help them overcome increased inability to remember the simplest of things. They need encouragement, not criticism. They will want, as much as anyone, to retain their independence for as long as they possibly can.

Because it is important for dementia sufferers to still feel useful, they need to be encouraged to do as much as their illness allows. Things like making a bed, laying a table or a spot of gardening can make all the difference to what a day holds for a sufferer. Memory aids, especially at the start of the illness, will be useful to remind dementia patients where things are. Pictures on cupboard doors of what's inside or pictures on doors of what the room is (loo, bedroom, etc) can be a lifeline.

It is also important to remember who that person was before he or she fell ill. If she was a keen cook, she will still enjoy preparing food with you, if he was an enthusiastic gardener, he will enjoy sweeping leaves outdoors. Music and pets can still be part of their lives.Watch out that someone with dementia eats well. It is important because patients often can forget the importance of food. The longer people with dementia remain in good health, the better their life will be. If someone puts up a fight at mealtimes you may need to speak to your GP about it. It could be they don't recognise foods any more or they have a dental problem. Sometimes involving the people you care for in preparing the meal can make all the difference. You may have to be flexible in changing your behaviour as their eating patterns and habits change. Above all, remain calm. Stressing yourself and a dementia sufferer at the same time won't help anyone.

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www.alzheimers.org.uk – This very comprehensive site tackles everything from symptoms to how to live with Alzheimer and has plenty of practical advice and links.

www.dementiacare.org.uk – Although this website is about a Newcastle based charity, its contents are universal inasmuch as it provides really great first step support advice to anyone who feels they may suffer from dementia. A superb first call resource.

www.youngdementiauk.org – Dementia knows no age and though to most of us it is something we think only affects older people, it is not necessarily true. This website is another fine resource specialising on "young onset dementia" which affects people under 65 years of age.

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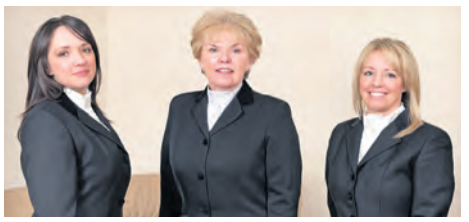

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Services must learn from good and OUTSTANDING care, says CQC

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Examples of the care that the CQC is celebrating include:
Home Instead Senior Care in West Lancashire and Chorley – based in Ormskirk and one of the first adult social care services to be rated as Outstanding for how it cares for and supports people in their own homes.

David Behan, Chief Executive of the Care Quality Commission, said: "Everyone has a right to receive good care. Quite rightly, much attention is given to the instances when care services have failed people, as this can hold bodies to account and set processes in motion to make sure mistakes are not repeated. However, to achieve this we must also recognise and celebrate the services that are getting it right.
"I am pleased that our new inspection regime is identifying some good and outstanding care across the country, from hospices, to general practices, to care that people receive in their own homes, and to NHS hospitals, mental health and community services. I would like to commend the staff who run these services and provide care on the frontline.
"I hope that shining a spotlight on some of the good and outstanding care we have uncovered will encourage learning, drive improvement and inspire greater confidence in the sectors."

Care and Support Minister, Norman Lamb, said: "We know many thousands of people receive excellent care from health and adult social care providers and our tougher new inspections are uncovering this, as well as highlighting where action needs to be taken.
"I want to congratulate the hard working staff at services awarded good or outstanding ratings – it is now for others to follow by example."

**CQC Press release March 2015.*